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PREFACE

On a cold evening in January 2006, a group of highly motivated individuals came together at Chicago-Kent College of Law to embark on an ambitious journey. These intrepid individuals chose to be part of a highly selective honors seminar and to undertake, during the course of a single semester, the publication of a scholarly journal analyzing recent Seventh Circuit cases.

Years ago, one of the yearly issues of the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW was dedicated to a review of the recently published decisions of the Seventh Circuit. Indeed, one of my very own law review articles appears in a 1985 issue of the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW's Seventh Circuit Review. Although the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW has not published its Seventh Circuit Review for quite a number of years, it remained a dream of mine to bring it back. Because of the position the Seventh Circuit holds in our nation's jurisprudence, a scholarly review of its most recent cases serves an important function to the bar, the courts, and legal scholarship.

With the unwavering support of Dean Harold Krent, we have brought the Seventh Circuit Review back as an honors seminar and online journal. This journal could not have been possible without the tireless work of John New, my teaching assistant and the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW's executive editor, and of John Young and Sarah Cnota of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Office of Public Affairs. Of course, the greatest debt is owed to the thirteen students in the seminar who selected article topics, researched, drafted, edited, rewrote and edited again, while working within an impossibly short timeframe to put out a scholarly journal.

As you peruse the abstracts and the articles, you will immediately note the extremely wide range of topics addressed. These articles challenge the Seventh Circuit's reasoning, articulate important policy considerations, and help us understand the cases coming out of the Seventh Circuit. As the professor who drove this journal, I take responsibility for any problems and freely give to my remarkable students the praise they so richly deserve. Please let me know any thoughts you might have.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hal R. Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hal" being more prominent.

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